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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1695

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO FIRE  
10 DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED INVOLVING FIRES AND  
11 PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO REVISE THE LAW ON REIMBURSEMENT TO  
16 FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED  
17 INVOLVING FIRES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-53-102(b), concerning fire fighting by a  
23 municipal fire department beyond municipal limits, is amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 (b)(1) When the organized fire department of a city or town combats a  
26 fire beyond the corporate limits of the city or town, a reasonable effort  
27 ~~must~~ shall be made for ninety (90) days to obtain compensation or  
28 reimbursement for the services from the property owner involved.

29 (2) If the city or town is unable to obtain payment or  
30 reimbursement from the property owner for the services within the ninety-day  
31 period, the county wherein the property is located may reimburse the  
32 municipality for the service in an amount not to exceed two hundred dollars  
33 (\$200).

34 (3) The city or town may seek payment or reimbursement from the  
35 property owner involved or the county after the ninety-day period for one  
36 hundred percent (100%) of the expendable resources the city or town used to



1 respond to the fire if the fire involved personal property only.

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 3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-22-901(b)(2), concerning a fire on  
 4 property owned by a nonmember of a volunteer fire department, is amended to  
 5 read as follows:

6 (2)(A) A claim for services in responding to a fire involving  
 7 only personal property shall be allowed only for personal property of  
 8 nonmembers.

9 (B) The claimed amount under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this  
 10 section shall not exceed ~~eight hundred dollars (\$800)~~ one thousand five  
 11 hundred dollars (\$1,500).

12 (C)(i) A claim under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section  
 13 shall be supported by a completed and attached Uniform Fire Department  
 14 Insurance Reimbursement Billing Form.

15 (ii) The Arkansas Fire Protection Services Board  
 16 shall adopt rules to create the form and the allowable rates for  
 17 reimbursement under this subdivision (b)(2).

18 (iii) The board shall use the Schedule of Equipment  
 19 Rates published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United  
 20 States Department of Homeland Security, as in effect on January 1, 2013.